



# HOYNE WILL ACT

**Wide Awake States Attorney Will Get After Financiers and Public Officials with High Rolls and Low Taxes.**

**News of the Political World Gathered During the Week from All Sources for Chicago Eagle Readers.**

**Gossip About Office Holders and Office Seekers and the Things that Are Going On in Official Life in Chicago.**

**News of the State, County, City and Sanitary District and Items of Interest About Men and Their Ambitions.**

Merciless war on "tax dodgers" was announced by Macley Hoyne, state's attorney, who is determined to add \$40,000,000 to the public revenue. In waging this war the prosecutor will co-operate with the taxing boards, the assessors and the reviewers. A conference between the three offices will be held tomorrow or Tuesday.

"I am going to break up the practice by which people of wealth and influence and those with political standing escape taxation," said Mr. Hoyne, in outlining his warlike plans. "It will add \$40,000,000 to the treasury annually and you will see the tax rate diminish."

Two assistant state's attorneys, Henry Berger and Hayden Bell, have already been assigned to carry on the campaign. It is Mr. Hoyne's purpose to create an examining board, representative of the three offices concerned, to sit in judgment on all tax matters.

Here are the plans for reforming the personal property taxation:

Prosecute all property owners who fail to file a schedule of personal property. Penalty, fine of from \$10 to \$250.

Prosecute all who swear to false figures in scheduling personal property. Charge, perjury; penalty, \$5,000 fine or one year's imprisonment.

Invalidate banks and search records of corporations and business houses for evidence of personal property which is rarely ever scheduled to the board of assessors.

Force collection of all taxes by wholesale levying and institution of suits against delinquents.

"Such a campaign will result in a hurried amendment of the revenue laws," was suggested to Mr. Hoyne.

"If the laws are not good ones they should be amended, and if it is enforcement that is needed to awaken the people, why, it is enforcement that they are going to get," he replied.

That Mr. Hoyne's co-operation will be welcomed by the board of assessors was shown in a recent communication to the county board in which the secretary, Frank W. Koraleski, made request for a representative of the state's attorney's office.

"We need the assistance of the legal department in getting out a just assessment of property," said Mr. Koraleski at that time.

The states attorney might look into the personal taxes of Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself; his firm, and his "string." If the recent announcement about tax matters is not a bluff, this is a good place to begin. The public is very much interested in high finance, and low taxes and the relations existing between them.

Clark & Trainer, taxed \$26.60 on personal property, have had a great deal to say about their fine new Michigan Avenue Boulevard Building, at Michigan avenue and Washington street.

The following from the Economist of December 13, 1913, reads as if the facts were furnished by the firm and the firm is referred to, you will notice, as owners of this great structure. Here is the item:

"J. Milton Trainer of Clark & Trainer, states that 58 per cent of the space in the Michigan avenue building, which the firm, along with Jarvis Hunt, own at the southwest corner of Michigan boulevard and Washington

street, has been signed, sealed and delivered. He states that the steel is all up and on Monday the terra cotta was up to the thirteenth story of the exterior, the building to be enclosed by December 27; the structure to be in ample condition to give possession May 1. The building is attracting much attention because of the beauty of the exterior. Mr. Trainer states that the renting is going on satisfactorily. Physicians and surgeons have taken six entire floors in the building, including, among others, Dr. W. L. Baum, Dr. Marquis, Dr. F. H. Martin, Dr. Halsted, Dr. Harsha, Dr. Quine and Dr. Nieman."

Bust the Harvester Trust, Mr. Wilson!

The Mattoon Commercial-Star, edited by Representative E. F. Poorman, published on the first page of its issue Sunday morning, May 3, a complete retraction of its charges against Roger C. Sullivan. The original article charged that Mr. Sullivan had been a party to political corruption and that he had aided in the election of William Lorimer to the United States Senate. The editorial retracting these charges is as follows:

During the month of January, 1914, this newspaper published a number of articles derogatory to the political life and political associations to Roger C. Sullivan, who is a candidate for United States Senator, and, among other things, we charged that he had been intimately associated with, and a party to the election of Mr. Lorimer, and in this connection the Mattoon Commercial-Star referred to Mr. Sullivan as a party to political corruption, misdeeds, etc.

Following the publication of these articles, Mr. Sullivan sued this newspaper for libel. We immediately caused a thorough investigation to be made of the various charges which we had heretofore published against Mr. Sullivan's political career, and we frankly admit that there is no basis in fact for the charges thus made. From information which we then had and which we have since ascertained to be inaccurate, we drew the conclusion that Mr. Sullivan had materially aided Mr. Lorimer's election to the United States Senate.

It has always been the policy of this newspaper to endeavor to do full justice to those against whom it was politically opposed, as well as to those whom it politically favored. Having ascertained that we had made a mistake in the charges which we preferred against Mr. Sullivan, we frankly placed the matter before him, and he, with equal frankness, stated that he was not desirous of having anything from this publication except an announcement of the true facts as we have ascertained them after a full investigation, and that, if such announcement was made by us to our readers, that would end the litigation now pending between us. Even without such concession on Mr. Sullivan's part, this paper would deem it its duty to announce to its readers with the same degree of publicity that it had made the charges, that such charges were unfounded; that Mr. Sullivan had no connection with the election of Mr. Lorimer, and, so far as we have been able to ascertain, Mr. Sullivan's political life and his candidacy for the United States Sen-

atorship on the Democratic ticket is free from corruption or disgrace.

Plans for Roger C. Sullivan's senatorial campaign were announced following a "round-up" at the Hotel Sherman, which showed twenty of twenty-three members of the Democratic state committee for Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan will start his campaign Monday, May 11, and for four weeks will be busy in the southern part of the state.

An itinerary for the entire four weeks has been arranged. That for the first week follows:

Monday, May 11—Centralla, Carlyle,

Thomas J. Webb, will be in charge of the headquarters. The Sullivan organization work in the county is already far advanced and in some wards both the regular and other organizations are for Mr. Sullivan.

Does Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself, bank on the well-known enmity of the Tribune for States Attorney Hoyne?

The voters of Chicago elected the Sanitary Trustees; not the members of a few select women's clubs, as Trustee Clark seems to think.

William Hale Thompson is coming to the front rapidly in the mayoralty fight.

The woman's parade on May 2 would have been greater but for the unavoidable absence of Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself, from the line. Out of 200,000 registered women voters only 3,106 appeared in the procession.

William Hale Thompson is a man who does things. He makes friends and keeps them.

The suffrage cause will not gain much sympathy from the fact that Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself, is hiding behind the suffrage skirt. He will be criticised just the same.

The William Hale Thompson boom for mayor is bigger than ever.

Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself, appears to be as much against the able Republican lawyers who have fought the battles of the Sanitary District for years, as he is against Democrats who earn their money in work for the Sanitary District. He is on record as voting against such men as Walter E. Beebe, Morton S. Cressy and Oscar H. Olsen, whose work for the taxpayers and the Sanitary District has been invaluable.

W. C. Clifford, the popular assistant State Treasurer of Illinois, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer, he is well qualified for the office.

General complaint is heard about the manner in which the State South Side Employment Bureau is run. A change is necessary!

The acquittal of Assistant States Attorney Bernard J. Mahony of the

# SMILE AT CLARK

**Sanitary Trustee Makes People Think of Mark Twain's Colonel Mulberry Sellers; High in Finance; Low in Taxes.**

**The Fight for United States Senator, State and County Treasurer and for Mayor Fully Under Way.**

**Gossip from Individuals and Parties About Men in the Race and What They Are Doing for Their Country.**

**Items of Interest About People in Public Life and the Ambitions of Both Them and the Men Behind Them.**

Some people are wondering whether Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself, is a Monte Christo or a Colonel Mulberry Sellers.

He is a sanitary trustee who has been drawing a big salary from the public for over nine years.

From the fact that they have seen Mr. Clark's name mentioned in connection with great financial transactions like the financing and building of the Michigan Boulevard Building, and from the big real estate operations of his firm, Mr. Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself, has been looked upon by some people who respect men of financial genius with admiration. And the way that Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself, has thundered

was charged on the County Treasurer's books with twenty-six dollars and sixty cents, personal property tax due for taxes of 1913, on their business at Room 940, 38 South Dearborn street.

J. Milton Trainer, of the firm of Clark & Trainer, was taxed twenty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents on his personal property at 4523 Forresterville avenue.

Recapitulation: Clark & Trainer, Room 940, 38 Dearborn street. Tax \$26.60.

Wallace G. Clark, 4529 Forresterville avenue. Tax, \$23.27.

J. Milton Trainer, 4523 Forresterville avenue. Tax, \$23.27.

Here is some red-hot information about the Wallace G. Clark crowd, from the pen of an official of the Board of Assessors, on last year's assessment figures:

"Wallace G. Clark of room 940, 38 South Dearborn street, did not file a schedule."

"Clark & Trainer of room 940, 38 South Dearborn street, did not file a schedule, and our office estimated them at \$1,500, which was not protested."

"A. R. Clark & Co., of room 940, 38 South Dearborn street, did not file. We estimated them at \$4,800. The Board of Review took them off the books."

"Wallace G. Clark, of 4529 Forresterville avenue, sent in a schedule for \$1,600, which was accepted by us."

"J. Milton Trainer, of 4523 Forresterville avenue, returned a schedule for \$1,310."

"Arthur R. Clark, of 4330 Ellis avenue, did not file. We estimated him at \$5,250. Was cut by the Board of Review to \$400."

One would think, after receiving \$27,500 from the people for his alleged services as a trustee of the Sanitary District, that Wallace G. Clark would pay more of a personal tax than he does.

In view of the fact that Trustee Clark makes a weekly howl in the Sanitary Board about the "poor taxpayers," for the amusement of some nice old ladies in the galleries, the amount of personal property that he pays taxes on is astonishing from its small proportions.

More than that, the assessment against the firm of Clark & Trainer, of which Wallace G. Clark is a member, is so small in view of the alleged big financial standing of the firm of Clark & Trainer as to be ridiculous.

Clark & Trainer are estimated to possess between \$250,000 and \$500,000 by the commercial report which we have in front of us.

From the reputation and standing of the commercial agency referred to, we have every reason to believe that its estimate of Clark & Trainer's wealth is based upon statements made by the firm, or members of the firm, to substantiate these figures, as the agency is regarded as conservative by business men.

Yet this firm, whose wealth is estimated at \$250,000 to \$500,000, was assessed on only \$1,500 of personal property in 1913.

Wallace G. Clark, the loud howler for reform, in the Sanitary Board, did not file a personal property schedule from his office, room 940, 38 South Dearborn street, in 1913.

He was not assessed personally at his office.

Wallace G. Clark, the tireless toiler for notoriety in the Sanitary Board, filed a schedule in 1913, from his residence, 4529 Forresterville avenue.

He scheduled all of his personal property at \$1,600.

The poor man! J. Milton Trainer filed a schedule from his home, 4923 Forresterville avenue, showing that his personal property amounted to but \$1,310.

J. Milton Trainer is estimated, by a well-known commercial agency, whose report we have before us, to be worth between \$100,000 and \$250,000.

A. R. Clark & Co., offices in the same place as Clark & Trainer, room 940, 38 South Dearborn street, were assessed by the Board of Assessors in 1913, on \$4,800. They did not file a schedule.

The Board of Review wiped this assessment of \$4,800 off of the books.

Arthur R. Clark, of 4330 Ellis avenue, did not file a schedule. The assessors estimated his personal property at \$5,250.

The Board of Review cut this to \$400.

Mr. Clark had better turn his guns on himself and the Clark and Trainer crew, and satisfy the cravings of the long-suffering taxpayers who pay on everything they own.

Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself, and J. Milton Trainer, doing business as Clark & Trainer, have moved from room 940, 38 South Dearborn street, where they were taxed \$26.60 on an assessment of \$1,500 for the taxes of 1913, to their new offices in the grand, new Michigan Boulevard Building, which they did so much to erect. And thereby hangs a tale of interest to taxpayers.

J. Milton Trainer, Wallace G. Clark, and Jarvis Hunt organized the Michigan Avenue Trust estate in which title to the property at the southwest corner of Michigan avenue and Washington street, 96x162½ feet, purchased from Montgomery Ward & Co., for \$1,100,000, was vested. The Michigan Boulevard office building which cost \$1,500,000, was erected on this land. The trustees gave two trust deeds to the land and building to be erected to secure loans aggregating \$2,200,000. To the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank they gave a trust deed to secure \$1,500,000 for ten years, with interest at 5 per cent. The other was to Mitchell D. Follansbee, covering the same property, to secure \$400,000 second mortgage guaranteed 6 per cent gold bonds, payable July 2, 1919, subject to the prior loan of \$1,800,000 described in the foregoing.

Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself, whose personal property tax of twenty-nine dollars and some cents is referred to elsewhere, in addition to having drawn a big salary as sanitary trustee for the past nine years, has been a member of the firm of Clark & Trainer; an estimator of "L" roads' valuations against the city; one of the creators of the big Michigan Boulevard Building, in which he now has offices; and president and director of the big Lovern-Brown Wholesale Grocery Company, at 1708 South State street, in which he is said to be largely interested. States Attorney Macley Hoyne ought to buy a copy of the biography of Mr. Clark for the use of rising young assistants.



WILLIAM HALE THOMPSON,  
The Next Republican Nominee for Mayor.

Greenville and East St. Louis.

Tuesday—Waterloo and Belleville. Wednesday—Alton, Edwardsville, Collinsville, Madison and Granite City. Thursday—Mascoutah, Nashville, Ashley, Woodlawn and Mount Vernon.

Mr. Sullivan will leave Mount Vernon Friday for Chicago, arriving in the evening. His route has been so arranged that he will spend Saturday and Sunday in Chicago.

At each city he visits he will meet prominent Democrats from the adjoining territory. He will not do much speechmaking at first, but it is expected that he will make informal talks at every town he visits.

In Mr. Sullivan's absence from Chicago a local committee, headed by

charge of interfering with the ballot, pleased nearly everybody in the community. Mr. Mahony has always borne a spotless name. The spite charge against him failed of its purpose.

Julius F. Smietanka was nominated for internal revenue collector for the Chicago district by President Wilson. He had the backing of Senator James Hamilton Lewis. He is a member of the School Board and is well liked by all who know him.

Attention is being drawn to the South Side State Employment Bureau. It is about time!

against payrolls and small bills in the Sanitary Board, where he is finishing his job as trustee, have led many people to suppose that he was a heavy taxpayer.

Investigation of the public records does not disclose Wallace G. Clark, as he calls himself, as a giant among taxpayers.

The County Treasurer's records show that Wallace G. Clark paid twenty-nine dollars and forty-five cents of a personal property tax levied upon him at his residence, 4529 Forresterville avenue, for the taxes of 1913.

Mr. Clark paid this tax February 19, 1914.

The firm of Clark & Trainer, of which Mr. Clark is the senior member,